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REMARKS

Applicant has amended the application in accordance with the Decision set forth by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

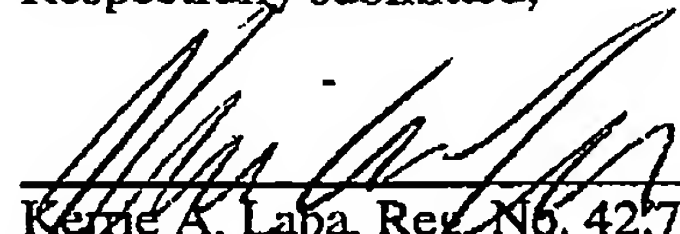
Claims 41, 43-53, 55-57, 59-65, and 67-73 remain pending in the application including independent claims 41, 49, 56, 62, 63, 70, and 71. Claims 36-40, 42, 54, 58, and 66 have been cancelled by the present amendment including independent claims 36 and 39. Claims 1-35 were previously cancelled.

Claims 56-60, 65-68, and 73 were indicated by the examiner as allowable prior to issuance of the Board Decision. The Board reversed the rejections for claims 62-64 and 70-72.

Claims 56 and 57 have already been allowed. Claims 62, 63, 70, and 71 have each been rewritten in independent form to include the features of the base claims and any intervening claims. Claim 64 has had its dependence corrected to depend from claim 63 such that claim 64 has proper antecedent basis. Thus, claims 62-65 and 70-73 are in condition for allowance. Claim 58 and intervening claim 42 have been incorporated into the associated base claim 41. Claim 66 and intervening claim 54 have been incorporated into the associated base claim 49. Thus, claims 41, 43-53, 55, 59-61, and 67-69 are condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully asserts that all claims are now in condition for allowance and requests an indication of such. By the present amendment applicant has added four (4) new independent claims and has cancelled (2) independent claims, thus the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for two (2) additional independent claims. Applicant believes no additional fees are due, however, if it is determined that additional fees are due the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds.

Respectfully submitted,

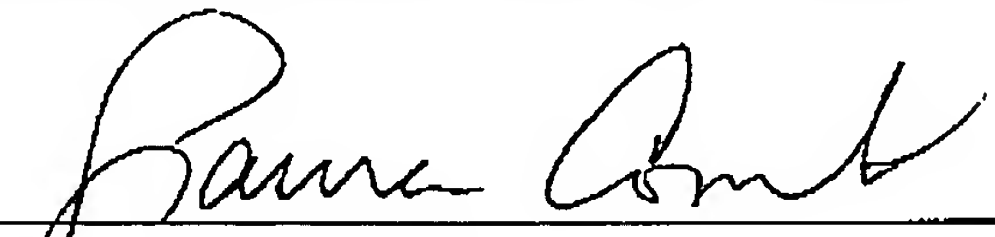

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